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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Shelby County District Attorney's Victim/Witness Services Program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Shelby County District Attorney's Office, located at 201 Poplar Avenue, 11th Floor, Memphis, TN 38103. The funding would be used to enhance the victim/witness services program, reduce the backlog of cases, and improve data collection.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **crime victims and witnesses play an essential role in successful prosecutions, which will help ensure justice and increase public safety**.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Steve Cohen

Member of Congress

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